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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant, DD/S

SUBJECT: Helicopter Service from New CIA Headquarters

1. As requested, I have surveyed the needs of the Africa Division for helicopter service from the new building at Langley to other Government Agencies or locations in the metropolitan Washington area. We feel very strongly that such a service is almost mandatory. Because of the unsettled conditions in so many countries of Africa, the senior operational personnel of the Division are constantly travelling back and forth to the State Department, the Pentagon, and the Washington National Airport. The need for fast transportation to and from these points is particularly acute in the late afternoon hours when, as you well know, traffic conditions are at their worst.

2. While most of these meetings are not regularly scheduled, and are on an "ad hoc" day to day basis, we do have approximately 3 or 4 conferences per week that are regularly scheduled at either State Department or the Pentagon. These could all be serviced by helicopter and probably the times could be adjusted to suit the overall requirements of the Agency.

3. In any event, some transportation of this nature would be a great assistance to the Africa Division, and we wholeheartedly support this requirement.


Chief, AF Support Staff

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